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DECISION ON PETITION

TO MAKE SPECIAL

: (ACCELERATED EXAMINATION)

Paper No. 7

In re application of Denis Khoo et al.

Application No. 09/849,495

Filed: May 4, 2001

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING

CONTENT WITH AN OPTION

This is in response to the petition filed on November 5, 2002 to make the above-identified application special on the basis of special examining procedure for certain new applications - accelerated examination as set forth in MPEP § 708.02 VIII.

The requirements for granting special status under this section are: (A) a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i); (B) all claims being directed to a single invention, or an election without traverse if the Office determines that all the claims are not directed to a single invention; (C) a statement that a pre-examination search was made listing the field of search; (D) one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record; and (E) a detailed discussion of how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references.

Since all of the requirements for special status under MPEP § 708.02 VIII have been met, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The examiner is directed (1) to make an interference search for possible interfering applications, (2) to promptly examine this application out of turn, and (3) if any interfering application is discovered, to examine such application simultaneously and state in the first official letter of such application that it is being taken out of turn because of a possible interference.

Petitioner is advised that this application will continue to be special, throughout its entire prosecution and pendency, including interference or appeal, if any, only if petitioner makes a prompt **bona fide** effort, in response to each Office action, to place the application in condition for allowance, even if it is necessary to conduct an interview with the examiner to accomplish this purpose.

SUMMARY: Petition to Make Special **GRANTED**.

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THE SPE/EXAMINER NEEDS TO FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING PRIOR TO A DECISION BEING MADE ON THE PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

STEVEN MEYERS

THERE IS NO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIRED IN THIS CASE
THERE IS A RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIRED AND THE ATTORNEY HAS ELECTED WITHOUT TRAVERSE Mr. Ja Kobsen Elected W/o traverse to have claims 1-6,14-19 (Group E) examined /28/03 KHZ THERE IS A RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIRED AND THE ATTORNEY HAS REFUSED TO ELECT WITHOUT TRAVERSE (MAKE SURE ATTORNEY KNOWS THAT HIS PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL WILL BE DENIED IF HE REFUSES TO ELECT OR IF HE ELECTS WITH TRAVERSE)
PLEASE RETURN THE CASE ASAP TO:

(UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD AN OFFICE ACTION BE ISSUED PRIOR TO THE PETITION BEING DECIDED)

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